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SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAINO CASE

REF: ASUNCION 2891

1. THE VOICES OF REASON ARE BEGINNING TO BE HEARD IN PARAGUAY NOW THAT THE DIN OF THE HARD-LINERS IS RECEDING. IN A HARSH EDITORIAL JULY 19 "ABC" TAKES THE HARD-LINERS TO TASK FOR RUINING PARAGUAY'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE FIRST THROUGH EVENTS AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND LATER BY THE DETENTION OF DOMINGO LAINO AND CALLS FOR AN "INTELLIGENT" SOLUTION TO THE LAINO CASE.

2. IN BLUNT TERMS "ABC" STATES THAT "THOSE WHO CHOSE TO TAKE LAINO PRISONER, THOSE WHO USE THE PRESS AND RADIO TO INSULT WHATEVER COUNTRY CRITICIZES PARAGUAY, THOSE WHO ORGANIZE A DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THOSE WHO BLINDLY INSIST THAT EVERYTHING IS PERFECT AND NO IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED EITHER DONT KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING OR KNOW VERY WELL WHAT THEY'RE DOING AND ARE PLAYING A DELIBERATE GAME WITH OBSCURE ENDS IN MIND". THE EDITORIAL CALLS ON ALL INTELLIGNET PERSONS TO UNITE AGAINST THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WHICH THE MAN ON THE STREET IS SAYING IS DIRECTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF. IT GOES ON, "TO LABEL EVERYONE A COMMUNIST AND TO

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INCLUDE A PERSON LIKE EDWARD KENNEDY IS TO FORCE US TO CALL ALL OF THOSE WHO DON'T AGREE WITH US UNCONDITIONALLY SUBVERSIVES." "ABC" CONCLUDES THAT EVEN THE PROCEDURE NOW ADOPTED TO COPE WITH LAINO CASE IS QUESTIONABLE BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN PARAGUAY IS QUESTIONED AMONG PARAGUAYANS AND MUCH MORE SO ABROAD.

3. "ULTIMA HORA" JULY 18 AFTERNOON TOOK A SIMILAR BUT LESS TOUGH LINE ON THE LAINO AFFAIR. THE EDITORIAL LAMENTS THE UNFAVORABLE INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION BEING DRAWN TO PARAGUAY, CALLS ON PARAGUAYANS NOT TO OPPOSE HUMAN RIGHTS, TO ACCEPT THEIR FAULTS IN THIS AREA AND TRY TO CORRECT THEM AND NOT TO ENGAGE IN ABSURD ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS VENGEFUL DOMONSTRATIONS, PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS, WHICH,IN THE NAME OF DEFENDING THE COUNTRY'S REPUTATION, IN FACT RUIN THE COUNTRY'S IMAGE ABROAD.

4. TWO INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS DOCTORS EXAMINED LAINO JULY 18. THEY REPORTED HE IS IN A GOOD STATE OF HEALTH BUT WOULD NOT DIVULGE ANY FURTHER DETAILS. HIS WIFE INDICATED HE IS IN GOOD SPIRITS.
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